

THE NEGRO ATTORNEY.

What He is Doing for his Clients. The Race's Appreciation of his Services. Some of the Few Successful Ones.

It is always a pleasure to THE BEE when it can speak truthfully about men and measures. The Bee has from time to time spoken of the failures, deceptions, the rise and progress of members of the bar and especially those who are identified with the Negro race.

There was a time when the colored attorney had an uphill road. A time when the colored people had but little faith in the colored attorney and when two or three men then were constantly employed to do all the work.

The colored attorney has made great progress within the last few years. He is now employed in almost every branch of the legal profession.

Howard University has done a great work in its law school. This institution has introduced some bright men in the law and there are many who stand very high in that profession. It is the object of THE BEE to speak briefly of a few of the men who are doing well in the legal profession and graduates of the Howard Law School.

There is perfect harmony among the white and colored members of the bar, but a great deal of discord among the colored members. They don't seem to work in harmony and many of them rather see their associates and companions lose a case than to win it. The colored members of the bar owe a great deal to Prof. B. F. Leighton, dean of the Law Department of Howard University, who has turned out many a successful lawyer and men who have combated with him although his pupils, he has not been the man to rebuke them, but will help them.

There was a time when many of the lawyers had no offices. To-day many of them are as well equipped as their white associates. An opinion has prevailed among many colored people that a colored attorney doesn't stand as well with the judge as the white lawyer. This opinion prevails more among the so-called educated and quasi society colored people than any other class. They call 'fluence' with the judge. If many of them would visit the courts more, they will be convinced that the Negro attorney stands as high in the estimation of the courts as the white attorney. It is this class of colored people that injures the Negro in the profession. This class will more or less seek the white attorney and pay him his fee. Another great fault with many colored people is that they don't have enough confidence in their own lawyers. THE BEE, as it is well known, recognizes merit and speaks of and commends men of principles and integrity. The colored attorney gets more abuse than he deserves and is not given the credit that is due him. As an evidence of the progress of the colored attorney, THE BEE will point out a few of the most successful and reliable members of the bar among the Negroes.

Mr. Thomas L. Jones is beyond all doubt one of the most successful criminal lawyers at the bar. He is a product of Howard University. He has defended and won more murder cases than any other colored member of the bar and equally as many as any white. He is a forcible speaker and a man who can awake from a dream and speak. He has a good practice and a fine law library.

Mr. Fountain Peyton is one of the best reasoners at the bar. He is not so eloquent but he is a successful dissector of testimony. He is a man of property and one of the most successful lawyers at the bar.

Mr. L. M. King is more of a civil lawyer. His cases are always well prepared and he thoroughly understands his cases and his arguments are always convincing. He has a good civil practice. Mr. King is an easy speaker but he lays no claims to eloquence.

Mr. F. W. Frisby has not been here at the bar so long, but the time he has made good use of it. He deals more largely in real estate. For neatness and care, Mr. Frisby stands above the average member of the bar. He is a busy man always.

Mr. Royal Hughes is a hustler. His practice is both civil and criminal. He has a good library and a well furnished office. Mr. Hughes is a genial young man and has about made up his mind to become a benedict.

Mr. J. F. Bundy is in the real estate business very largely. He also has a good civil practice.

Mr. W. L. Pollard, whose practice is largely civil, is one of the most careful lawyers at the bar. He uses his time very well considering the number of enterprises in which he is engaged. He is one of the genial young men at the bar.

Among many others who are doing well are Messrs R. K. Horner, J. H. Smith, M. T. Clinkscales, John A. Moss, who was at one time the leading colored member of the bar, J. T. Stewart and Cobb.

Mr. W. C. Martin is more of a pension attorney and no doubt the only colored member of the bar who deals largely in pension cases. He also deals largely in civil cases. He is a dignified speaker and a man who attends to his own business.

There are two Justices of the Peace in the persons of E. M. Hewlett and Robert H. Terrell, who are doing well.

SEEN IN THE STORES.

Mauve and pink furniture is one of the latest artistic fancies—mauve wood, pink, satin, brocade and curtains shot with both colors and figured with flowers.

Pretty nut bowls of wood, decorated with burnt woodwork and resting on three short supports, are not only desirable but seem particularly adapted to the use intended.

One of the prettiest plants for home decoration shown by the florists is a begonia with delicate pale pink blooms that intermingle with the dark-green leaves in a way that delights the eye.

The newest side comb is the horse-shoe comb and comes in light and dark tortoise shell. Then there are combs with rope-coiled tops and jeweled evening combs that cost a small fortune.



Col. M. M. PARKER,

National Committee for the District of Columbia, Leading Republican and the n Washington.



JAMES L. PUGH.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of the Police Court.



SENATOR MARCUS A. HANNA,

Who employs colored men as conductors and motormen on his street railroads and the man who never has a strike. The next President of the United States.



FOUNTAIN PEYTON.



JNO. A. MOSS



T. L. JONES.



PERRI W. FRISBY.

WILLIAM ALDEN SMITH.

Michigan Congressman Who is Anxious to Succeed Burrows as United States Senator.

William Alden Smith, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is a candidate from his state in place of Julius Caesar Burrows, whose term expires March 3, 1905. The death of Senator McMillan worked a revolution in that state's politics, and, in the overturning, Former Secretary of War Alger came to the surface and Burrows went under. Smith is the Pidas Achates of Alger.

William Smith is an able young man of the self-made brand so common in American political life. Like a half dozen other statesmen he began his business career blacking other people's



WILLIAM ALDEN SMITH.
(Michigan Congressman Who Wants to Succeed Senator Burrows.)

shoes. He got an early political bent by serving as page in the Michigan legislature; there he discovered how easy it is to be a statesman and he determined to be one himself. In course of time he gave up shoe blackening, paper selling, popcorn peddling, train-butcher, and the like occupations and studied law. Then he went into the business of owning railroad companies and newspapers and coming to congress.

There is hardly a smoother or more genial proposition in congress than William Alden Smith. He has fled down the rough places for a gentleman of taste, refinement, and education. Dartmouth college has given him an honorary M. A., and there is no Smith dormitory or laboratory as yet among the college buildings. When it comes to turning a pretty oratorical phrase, there are none better. Beveridge is more valuable, but not so graceful. Smith's anti-reciprocity speech last winter was one of the events of the season, says the Chicago Journal.

Smith likes society. Last year he began entertaining just to get into practice for the heavier work which he knew was coming. This winter he will have a house near Dupont circle.

MR. JUSTICE HARLAN.

He Has Been an Honored Member of the United States Supreme Court for 25 Years.

Justice John Marshall Harlan, whose twenty-fifth anniversary as associate justice of the United States supreme court was celebrated by a large banquet on December 9, was appointed to that important position on November 29, 1877, just 27 years after his graduation from the celebrated Center college, Kentucky, in which so many noted Americans imbibed their early



MR. JUSTICE HARLAN.
(Famous Jurist Who Has Been on the Supreme Bench 25 Years.)

draughts of learning. The young lawyer began practice at Frankfort, removed afterward to Louisville, and made several unsuccessful campaigns as candidate on republican tickets, principally for governor. He served on the Behring sea tribunal in 1893, but otherwise his duties of supreme justice have engaged all his time for the last quarter of a century.

Britains Marry Boer Women.

Britons making South Africa their home are marrying Boer women. Two of these unions have just taken place at Port Elizabeth. The bridegrooms were stalwart members of the South African constabulary, and the brides genuine Boer maidens who, with their imperfect knowledge of the English language, had some difficulty in getting through the marriage service. But this little hitch was overcome, and the girls looked happy as they drove away in their wedding cars. The vehicles were decorated with yellow ribbon; the ex-Free State color, while the horses were adorned with red, white and blue.

Blue Foxes Are Monogamous.

The blue foxes of the Pribyloff islands are monogamous. An attempt has been made to teach them polygamy by killing only the males and sparing the females, but it has failed.